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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question of disqualifying persons already owning houses from becoming members of the housing societies and obtaining State loans is under consideration, Sir."

Training of Village Blacksmiths under the National Extension Service Scheme.

* 190 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to train village Blacksmiths under the National Extension Service Schemes and, if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, the Government have sanctioned a scheme for the establishment of a workshop at the Grama Sevak Training Centre, T. Kallupatti, for imparting training to the village blacksmiths.

" The object of the scheme is to establish a workshop at one of the Extension Training Centres in this State for imparting training to the village level workers as well as to the village blacksmiths, carpenters and artisans of the neighbouring village in the manufacture and repairs of improved agricultural implements and in improved housing designs and construction. The workshop will have a Chief Instructor and two training officers, one each for smithy and carpentry. Each trainee will be given a stipend of Rs. 30 and hostel accommodation will be provided. Learning by doing will be the ideal method of training. In order to ensure that the trained men return to their trade in the villages after completion of their training and utilize the experience profitably, the Government will assist the successful trainees in obtaining suitable equipment to augment their village workshops by grant of takkavi or *ad hoc* loans recoverable in suitable instalments."

Applications for takkavi loans from Cuddalore and other taluks.

* 191 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received during the year 1952 from Cuddalore, Chidambaram, Villupuram and Tindivanam taluks for takkavi loans;

(*b*) the number of applications sanctioned; and

(*c*) the amount of loan disbursed during the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The particulars are furnished below :—

	Cuddalore taluk.	*Chidambaram taluk.*	*Villupuram taluk.*	*Tindivanam taluk.*
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(*a*)	194	146	621	1,438
(*b*)	32	17	106	457
(*c*)	Rs. 16,100	Rs. 9,950	Rs. 40,360	Rs. 87,050"